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DIES IN DENVER HOSPITAL

Funeral of Mrs. Flora H. Williams Held in the Darling Chapel Monday Morning

Mrs. Flora H. Williams, a resident of Alliance and western Nebraska for the past ten or twelve years, was buried here the first of the week. Death occurred Wednesday morning at a hospital at Denver, where Mrs. Williams had been confined most of the time for the past year under treatment for cancer of the bladder.

Mrs. Williams is survived by one son, whose address is unknown, and her husband, from whom she had been separated thirty-four years. There were no relatives with her during her last illness nor at the funeral, but W. C. Fleet, of Alliance, a close friend of the deceased since they homesteaded in the same neighborhood a number of years ago, was at her bedside and took charge of all arrangements for the funeral.

FLEMING IS DEMOCRAT

George Fleming Files for Clerk on Democratic, and Not on Republican Ticket

By mistake last week The Herald announced that George Fleming, a member of the city council of Alliance and proprietor of a cigar and news stand on Box Butte avenue, had filed for nomination for county clerk on the Republican ticket. Now Mr. Fleming is a democrat, and while he will appreciate all the votes he can get from both political parties, he is a candidate for nomination at the Democratic primaries to be held April 18. His official announcement appears in another part of this paper.

New Traveling Man Here Mr. Triem, representing the large dry goods house of Hicks-Fuller-Pease Dry Goods Company of Sioux City, Iowa, is a new salesman on this territory. He formerly had his headquarters at Norfolk. He will probably move his family here as soon as school closes in the spring at Norfolk.

Meeting at Kearney The annual convention of the Municipal League of Nebraska will be held at Kearney February 9 and 10. W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Alliance Commercial Club, will attend as a delegate of the club, and Penrose E. Romig, mayor of Alliance, will represent the city.

SIDNEY WINS ONE MORE

Sidney H. S. Takes Fast Basket Ball Game from Alliance—A. H. S. Second Team Wins

Last Friday evening, in the first league game of the season, the Sidney high school basket ball team won from the Alliance boys in a fast and hard-fought game, score 13-12. The Alliance boys showed that they could outplay their opponents—but showed it too late in the game. Parks, guard on the Sidney team, won the game for the visitors in the last five seconds of play. Alliance was one point ahead up to that time, when by a quick play Parks secured the ball and tossed goal, counting two points. The Alliance team started out playing hard but displaying little team work. At one time during the first half the score stood 8 to 1 in favor of Sidney. At the end of the first half the score was 9 to 4. In the second half the Alliance aggregation came back with team work and fast playing that was bewildering to their opponents and even to the spectators. Up until the last few seconds of play it looked as though Alliance would carry off the honors of the game, but by a quick pass the game was won for Sidney.

The lineup of the Alliance team was as follows: Lester Harvey (capt.), center; Donald Spencer and Floyd Lotspiech, forwards; Ira Wright and George Fenning, guards; Everett O'Keefe and Philip Groves, subs.

The Alliance H. S. second team also showed their ability, by winning over the bunch of Sidney men, who appeared to be giants in size when lined up beside the local team. Their size, however, proved worthless, as they displayed little science and knowledge of the game. The score at the end of this game was: Alliance 7, Sidney 5. The lineup was as follows: Oral Harvey, center; Johnnie Phillips and Leon Edwards, forwards, and James Burns and Ray Butler, guards.

The gymnasium was packed with enthusiastic fans, who have reason to feel proud of the good showing the Alliance boys made, considering the fact that Sidney has practically the same team that played last year, while Alliance has only one man who has had previous experience on the team.

N. P. A. MEETING SATURDAY

A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Nebraska Press to Be Held

Horace M. Davis, president of the Nebraska Press Association, has called a special meeting of the executive committee to be held at Hastings Saturday evening, January 29. The main purpose of the meeting is to decide where the 1916 convention is to be held.

Attorney William Ritchie, Jr., of Bridgeport, who was appointed by the Associated Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska to represent them, will meet with the board and extend to them an invitation to come to western Nebraska in accordance with plans made at the meeting in Omaha last spring. The citizens of Scottsbluff have subscribed \$1,000 towards paying the expenses of bringing the convention west; Alliance will help, Crawford and Chadron will help, and it is believed that enough money can be raised to pay the extra expense.

DAMAGED FREIGHT HOUSE

West End of Burlington Freight House at Alliance Moved in Several Feet by Unruly Box Car

The entire west wall of the Burlington freight house at Alliance, a frame structure, was pushed in several feet Saturday night when a freight car was unintentionally pushed down a loading track too far by the night crew. Two loading tracks end at the west end of the building. The switching was being done on the south track. The train of cars was longer than thought, and one car climbed the platform and continued on into the freight house. The damage was not heavy outside of the work required to put the wall in place again.

LAND OPENED TO ENTRY

Nearly 200 Sections, Reclaimed in 1904, on North Platte Project, to Be Opened in March

Notice has just been received at the local land office that an area of land in the vicinity of the North Platte project, which was reclaimed by the government in 1904, is to be thrown open to entry in March.

This land is located in the western part of Scottsbluff county and eastern part of Morrill county, lying east of Scottsbluff and north of Bayard and Minatare, and comprises a total of nearly two hundred sections.

The official information received states that: "Notice is hereby given that water will be furnished under the North Platte project, Nebraska-Wyoming, in the irrigation season of 1916 and thereafter for the irrigable lands of said project shown on the farm unit plats of: (Sixth principal meridian) townships 22 and 23 north, range 53 west; townships 21 and 22 north, range 52 west; and townships 21 and 22 north, range 51 west."

This land is arranged in tracts of eighty to one-hundred and sixty acres and a fee of \$2.75 per irrigable acre must be paid to the project manager prior to filing.

Homestead entries may be made at the Alliance land office on and after March 24, 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m. if found regular and accompanied by the certificate of the project manager showing that waterright application has been filed and the proper waterright charges deposited.

Nebraska Printers' Magazine Number one, of volume one, The Nebraska Printer, "a Nebraska newspaper for Nebraska newspapermen," published at Edgar, Clay county, Nebraska, by A. D. Scott, has reached this office. It will be published monthly and comes out in the first issue in neat four-page form. Mr. Scott deserves credit for his enterprise, and we wish him success.

Ira Phillips of Hemingford came down today on business, returning on 43 this afternoon.

"Preparedness" is the subject to be debated tomorrow night at the high school assembly room. Oral Harvey, Charlotte Mollring, Hannah Cotant, Irene Grassman, and Homer Barnes will have the affirmative, and Tressa Vandervoort, Donna Lahoda, Ella McInroy and Ethel Clary will have the negative. This is a preliminary debate to be held for the purpose of selecting representatives to enter the district contest. Those successful in the district contest will represent Alliance at the state contest in the spring.

Known to Local People Mrs. Jessie Young, wife of Rev. Lee H. Young, Episcopal rector at Hastings, died Tuesday at that city. An operation was performed at the Nebraska sanitarium Sunday night in an effort to save her life but gangrene had developed and death was inevitable. Bishop Beecher and Miss Anna Kramph of North Platte were with the husband at her bedside at the last moment. One child, a son, survives. Funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock this morning by Bishop Beecher. Mrs. Young was well known to many Alliance people, who sympathize with Deas Young in his bereavement.

A LOBSTER SUPPER

Unique Feature of Entertainment at T. P. A. Convention to Be Big Banquet and Lobster Supper

At the regular weekly luncheon of the joint Commercial Club and Post M committee of ten members, held at the Drake hotel Saturday noon, January 22, the following committees were appointed to handle the April state convention:

General committee: L. H. Highland, chairman; J. H. Hawes, secretary; S. W. Thompson, R. C. Strong, H. W. Hull.

Refreshment committee: J. W. Guthrie, A. D. Rodgers, J. H. Hawes Auto committee: Lincoln Lowry, chairman.

Music committee: S. W. Thompson, Lloyd Thomas and R. C. Strong. Decoration committee: W. D. Fisher, L. H. Highland, H. W. Hull.

Ladies' entertainment committee: Mrs. F. G. Hitchcock, Mrs. S. W. Thompson, Mrs. J. H. Hawes, Mrs. R. C. Strong, Mrs. Geo. Read.

Reception committee: C. M. Looney, R. M. Baker, Geo. Read, C. L. Ewing, L. L. Lozier, L. Lowry, Geo. Snyder, R. J. Ludington, W. G. Niemann and F. G. Hitchcock, A. R. Davis and H. P. Coursey.

Dance committee: R. C. Strong, C. M. Looney and R. J. Ludington.

The Proposed Program Following is the program as outlined at the general committee meeting held Saturday:

Friday, April 21, 9:30 a. m.—Meeting called to order by president of Post M. Invocation by Rev. H. J. Young, chaplain. Music by orchestra. Address of welcome by Mayor P. E. Romig and by John W. Guthrie, president of Alliance Commercial Club. Response by W. G. White, state president. Music by orchestra.

11 a. m.—Business meeting called to order by W. G. White, state president. Reading of minutes of last annual meeting. Appointment of committees on resolutions, credentials, constitution and by-laws and national apportionment. Music. Dinner.

2:30 p. m.—State memorial services under supervision of state chaplain, Rev. A. V. Whiting. Sermon by national chaplain, Rev. A. A. Brooks.

4 p. m.—Report of state officers and committees: State president, state secretary, chairman of state board of directors, chairmen of railroad, legislative, press, hotel, employment and good roads committees, post secretaries and treasurers.

7 p. m.—Lobster supper and banquet.

8:30 p. m.—Reception of delegates.

9 p. m.—Dancing.

Saturday, April 22, 9:30 a. m.—Reports of committees on resolutions, credentials, constitution and by-laws, and national apportionment. Election of state officers by order. Election of delegates and alternates to national convention. Selection of city for 1917 convention.

1 p. m.—Auto ride to Pine Ridge and return.

9 p. m.—Dancing at the opera house. Open to the public, free.

NEW RATES IN EFFECT

Slight Increase in Passenger Rates on the Western Roads for Interstate Business

An increase in the passenger rates for interstate traffic went into effect on most of the western railroads last week. The increase is small and will be practically unnoticed except by tourists taking long journeys.

Plans, if there were any, on the part of the railroad companies to increase their rates within the limits of the state were frustrated a few days ago when, upon application of Attorney General Willis E. Reed, the supreme court of the state of Nebraska granted a temporary injunction restraining them from making any increase. A hearing was set for February 7, at which time it is thought the injunction will be made perpetual.

On some of the short runs out of Alliance there is but very little difference. The new rate to Denver is \$6.64, the old rate \$6.30, making an increase of only 34 cents.

Owing to the recent change in passenger service to Casper, the passenger rate being established over the new route which had been used for several months for freight business, the new rate to Casper, based on the increased scale, is slightly less than the old rate over the old route. The new rate to Casper is \$6.67, the old rate \$6.61, a reduction of 16 cents.

The rates to other points east and north from Alliance are shown below:

Table with columns: To, Old Rate, New Rate, Increase. Rows include Billings, St. Louis, Chicago, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Edgemont.

FIVE KILLED IN WRECK

Head-on Collision of Passenger and Freight on Burlington Main Line Near Atlanta, Nebraska

Five trainmen were killed and four trainmen and three passengers injured as the result of a head-on collision between Burlington passenger train No. 7 and freight train No. 2043 in a deep cut three miles west of Atlanta, Neb., Monday afternoon.

The dead are: John Eckman, freight engineer, McCook, Neb.

W. P. Moll, freight fireman, McCook.

Carl Neubauer, freight brakeman, Hildreth.

Lee H. Fogg, passenger fireman, Lincoln.

James F. Duffy, passenger engineer, Lincoln.

The injured: F. R. Quinn, passenger brakeman, Lincoln; slightly injured.

W. M. Lawson, baggage man, Lincoln; slightly injured.

J. E. Lowery Bagley, Ia., passenger; slightly injured.

O. K. Porter, mail clerk, Lincoln; seriously injured.

T. C. Bell, passenger conductor, Lincoln; slightly injured.

J. R. Mossman, Hastings, passenger; slightly bruised.

Mrs. H. S. Fuller, Oxford, passenger; shoulder dislocated.

Official announcements place the blame of the wreck on the freight crew. That train, it is said, should have taken the siding at Mascot, five miles west of the wreck, and thus cleared the way for passenger train No. 7, which is said to have left Atlanta on a clear track. An official investigation is being made and until this investigation is completed the officials refuse to place any responsibility for the wreck.

Both trains were running at a good rate of speed. No. 7, the passenger, left Atlanta two minutes behind time and was probably running at about 60 miles an hour at the time of the collision.

The trains met on a reverse curve in a deep cut and both engine crews were caught at their posts. The passenger train was running down grade and its speed was little if any slackened at the time of the impact, which piled the wreckage high in the cut. The freight was lightly loaded with but four cars, and hence was running fast.

Relief calls brought first aid from Atlanta, from where Dr. L. M. Smernhoff and several men pressed a gasoline handcar into service. A relief train was sent from Holdrege and a wrecker from McCook.

The bodies of Fogg, Eckman and Neubauer were removed from the wreckage with little difficulty. Engineer Duffy of the passenger train was found alive and hurried with the other injured to Holdrege, where he died a little after 7 in the evening.

The body of Moll, however, was not recovered until late in the night. Bodies of the dead were taken first to Holdrege. The bodies of Moll and Eckman were later removed to their homes at McCook, and that of Neubauer to his home at Hildreth.

It took till late yesterday to clear the wreckage, the main line trains being detained in the meantime to the Republican valley from Hastings to Red Cloud.

BAPTISTS WIN TWO GAMES

Have the Sunday School Basket Ball Championship of Box Butte County Clinched

Last Saturday night at the high school gymnasium the local Baptist teams took both ends of a double-header from the Methodist teams. By winning these two games the Baptists have the pennant clinched, as they have not lost a game this season, and the Methodists, who were their closest competitors, are out of the running as a result of Saturday's games. The games were lively from start to finish and were much closer than the score would indicate, as the victors ran in scores just before the close of the game. The score in the Intermediate game was 9 to 17, and in the Junior game 9 to 23, both in favor of the Baptists. There are two more games to be played on the county league schedule. The Baptists and the Christians clash for honors next Saturday night at the high school, while the Methodists go to Hemingford to finish the schedule. There are one or two postponed games that may be played off but dates have not been arranged as yet, and the result will not materially affect the standing of the teams.

The players in Saturday's game were the following:

Baptists: Intermediate—Powell, R. Butler, Fenning, Nelson, Wright, Fenning, L. Butler. Juniors—Fenning, Wright, L. Butler, Bleknell, Phillips, Fuller.

Methodists: Intermediate—F. Lotspiech, Lunn, Vandervoort, H. Lotspiech, H. Rider, Graham, Juniors—H. Lotspiech, Grassman, Edwards, Martin, Osborne.

STANDING OF TEAMS INTERMEDIATE

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N. S. V. F. A. COMMITTEES

List of Committees for Year 1916 Appointed by President Hoffman, of Ord, Nebraska

Following is a list of the committees appointed for the year 1916 by President Hoffman of Ord at the annual N. S. V. F. A. convention held in Crawford last week:

Auditing Committee: C. R. Frasier, Gothenberg; Clyde Beckwith, Crawford; E. W. Parkhurst, Lexington.

Constitution and Rules: John A. Albin, Oncoola; H. H. Bartling, Nebraska City; Mike D. Murphy, David City; C. C. Good, Chadron; H. L. Boyes, Hebron.

Legislative Committee: J. C. Cleland, Fremont; John Wilson, Kearney; L. W. Hague, Minden.

Committee on Officers' Reports: Thos. Jeffers, North Platte; George Johnson, Superior; Lou Bader, Wahoo.

Press Committee: John Martin, Fremont; Lloyd Thomas, Alliance; M. R. Green, Norfolk.

Memorial Committee: W. D. Fisher, York; I. J. Thelin, North Loup; J. W. Crouch, St. Paul.

HOGS TOPPED MARKET

Box Butte County Hogs Brought Highest Price on South Omaha Market Monday Morning

Two carloads of Box Butte county hogs, raised and shipped by Oscar O'Bannon and E. T. Kibble, of Alliance, brought the top price on the South Omaha live stock market last Monday morning. These hogs were fattened on home grown corn and barley and were quickly taken at top prices by the buyers for the packers.

The hogs were taken to market by Oscar O'Bannon and Elmer Vaughn, who stayed over in Omaha for a short visit and on business, before returning home. The Omaha and South Omaha newspapers contained mention of their visit.

RAIL SHATTERS LEG

Section Foreman at Mullen Brought to Alliance This Afternoon Suffering from a Fracture

N. A. Drake, section foreman for the Burlington at Mullen, was seriously injured this morning, on his section, when a heavy rail which was being loaded onto a "pick-up" train slipped from its fastenings and dropped on his right leg, shattering the leg.

The "pick-up" train left Seneca this morning to gather up rails, etc., along the right-of-way and Mr. Drake was engaged in helping when the accident happened. Drake was brought to Alliance on 43 this afternoon and taken to the Drake hotel on account of the fact that the hospital is packed full. He will be cared for at the hotel until he can be admitted to the hospital.

Goes to Cheney, Washington E. S. Blackledge, who was taken from a Burlington train two weeks ago suffering from a severe case of malaria and who has been at the hospital since, left this afternoon on his journey to Cheney, Wash., where his mother and sister live. He is able to travel, but is very weak. However he insisted on continuing his journey.

C. E. Wiltsey of Hemingford returned home this afternoon.

R. M. Blood went to Crawford this afternoon on a short business trip.

Paul Thomas went to Hemingford this afternoon to attend to his music classes there.

Miss Mary A. Robertson, for several years a teacher in the city schools, has filed for the Republican nomination for county superintendent of schools. Miss Opal Russell, Democrat, the present incumbent, is a candidate for re-nomination.

HOLT UNDER \$1500 BOND

Man Charged with Cattle Rustling to Have Preliminary Hearing February 9th

Eli Holt, who was arrested Monday afternoon by Sheriff Cal Cox of Alliance and Sheriff Wm. Dyson, of Morrill county, charged with cattle stealing, was placed under \$1500 bonds yesterday afternoon by County Judge Steuterville at Bridgeport, to appear February 9 for his preliminary hearing.

The ranchers of Morrill county have been bothered for some time by cattle rustlers, and the arrest of Holt they think is only the start of a campaign that will soon put a stop to the trouble. A number of others are under suspicion, the officers are gathering evidence, and it is quite probable that several other arrests will follow soon.

The officers have gained possession of cattle which were sold by Holt and which he is accused with stealing from Joe Smith, a Morrill county rancher. Holt was at the home of Cal Underwood in Box Butte county at the time the arrest was made. His bond was signed by John King and William Lee, and he has retained William Ritchie of Bridgeport as his attorney.

MUST PAY TAXES BY FIRST

Tuesday, February 8, Time Limit on All Personal Taxes That Are Now Delinquent

Personal taxes in Box Butte county were delinquent December 1, and those who took advantage of the sixty days of grace allowed have been coming in the past few days, creating a rush of work in the office of County Treasurer E. M. Martin.

Distress warrants will be put in the hands of the sheriff next Tuesday for all personal taxes not paid on or before that time.

All automobile licenses expired January 1, and the time limit on this is also fixed for February 1. Of the 435 automobile owners in Box Butte county only 200 of them have secured new licenses from the county treasurer. Some of these have postponed securing their licenses as their machines are in storage for the winter, but a large number of them have simply overlooked the matter, and County Treasurer Martin is sending out final notices this week which he anticipates will result in a rush of business in this department of his office for a few days. The automobile license is \$3, and the motorcycle license, \$2.

Real estate taxes were due December 1, 1915, but are not delinquent till May 1, 1916.

FIRE DEPARTMENT THANKS

Members of Alliance Volunteer Fire Department Wish to Express Thanks to Alliance People

We, the members of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, wish to express our sincere thanks to the business men of Alliance for their window decorations, to the city of Alliance and its officials for assistance, and to the Alliance Commercial Club for its help in entertaining the visiting firemen from over the state last Friday afternoon and evening. And especially do we wish to thank the young ladies of Alliance for helping to make the dance at the opera house a grand success.

Alliance Volunteer Fire Dept. Burns Not Serious

While one of the men at the Potash works east of Alliance was working in a boiler Wednesday afternoon he was burned about the hands and feet by a small explosion of ashes. His injuries are not believed to be so serious but that he will be able to be out in probably a week. He is coming to Alliance this afternoon on train No. 43.

Will Preach to Firemen

The Alliance volunteer fire department will attend the Christian church Sunday, February 6. Rev. H. J. Young will preach a special sermon for firemen and the boys expect to attend in a body, meeting at the fire hall in time to be at the church at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Young will preach a sermon to the traveling men the next Sunday morning, February 13.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB

To Be Active Part in Public School Work of Box Butte County the Coming Year

Boys' and Girls' Club work will be made an active part for the school work of Box Butte county from this time on. Plans are under way whereby the various schools of the county and the county agricultural agent, F. M. Seidell, who is backed by the state school and the United States Department of Agriculture, will co-operate in this work.

The purpose of the Boys' and Girls' Club work is to help boys and girls to study agriculture and home economics and thereby make their home work more interesting. It offers a definite plan whereby home project work can be systematically correlated with school work.

The active clubs in Box Butte county for 1916 are the Potato, Pig, Garden and Canning, and Sewing and Cooking Clubs. Any of the clubs are open to either boys or girls between the ages of ten and eighteen years. In the Potato Club each member raises and keeps records on at least one-eighth acre of potatoes. In the Pig Club each member raises and keeps records on at least one pig. In the Garden and Canning Club the members care for at least one-tenth acre of garden and can the surplus products. In the Sewing and Cooking Clubs, a two years course is offered consisting of twelve lessons each year. Parents can co-operate by allowing their children a little time, giving encouragement and support to this movement.

The club rules and enrollment cards have been sent to the teachers of the various district schools, who will explain in detail to those interested. In Alliance this club work will probably take on the form of gardening and it has been suggested by the county agricultural agent that vacant lots of ground in the city, which have been heretofore allowed to grow up in weeds, be used to further such a plan. The question as to whether or not this work will be made a part of the school curriculum and to what extent is up to the school board, and announcements will be made as soon as they take the matter under consideration.